



Holey Landscape! (What is karst and why is it so important?)

Karst is landscapes and landforms shaped by water that dissolves away bedrock: for example - caves, sinkholes, disappearing streams, underground rivers and streams, and dry valleys. Karst features comprise some of the most popular visible and subterranean landscapes in Guadalupe Mountains National Park - Smith Springs, McKittrick Spring, the Grotto and El Capitan.

Poster Contest Guidelines

Who can participate? All youth between the ages of 6 – 17 can submit artwork for the contest. Once submitted, all art work becomes property of the National Park Service and will not be returned to the artist. Submitted art work will be used for educational and promotional uses at Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

What should you draw or paint? Participants can draw or paint their impression of or experience with the world of karst. The experience is not required to be from Guadalupe Mountains National Park, but could include time spent in other public lands with these karst features. The 2019 contest theme encourages you to be creative with your idea of karst - caves, sinkholes, disappearing streams, underground rivers and streams, and dry valleys.

What should I use to create my contest submission? All poster submissions must be on an 8 ½" x 11" poster board or piece of paper. Suggested media can be crayons, pastels, color pencils, markers, pen and ink, or paint.

What can I win? The winning entry will receive a gift courtesy of the Western National Parks Association plus a certificate of achievement. Each age category will also have an honorable mention.

When will judging be held? Live judging will be held at a TBD date after the April 30, 2019 deadline; winners will be contacted by May 31, 2019.

Deadline: April 30, 2019

Poster Contest Label – Must be cut out and attached to the back of your poster entry

Name of Artist _____ Age _____ Grade _____

School _____

Title of Your Piece _____

In a few words, describe your karst-based art work.

*Parent's Name _____ Phone Number _____

*Email Address _____

Submissions can be turned in at the park or mailed to: Guadalupe Mountains National Park, RE: Youth Poster Contest, 400 Pine Canyon Rd., Salt Flat TX 79847. For more information, call 915-828-3251.